

## **Agricultural Order R3-2012-0011**

**Tier 1**

**Tier 2**

**Tier 3**

**Grower Workshop  
May 2012**



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## **Assistance Available for Growers**

- Technical assistance providers
- Private industry consultants
- Financial assistance (Grants, Loans, Cost-Share)
- Central Coast Irrigation and Nutrient Mgmt Program (Proposition 84 Grant)
  - Monterey Bay Sanctuary Foundation
  - Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz Co.
  - Cachuma Resource Conservation District
- Water Board Workshops (Ag Order, eNOI)
- Online Resources for Growers
- To receive timely updates - sign up for email subscription  
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## Overview

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- Who is the Water Board?
- Agricultural Order R3-2012-0011
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- Tier 2
- Tier 3
- Assistance for Growers
- Questions



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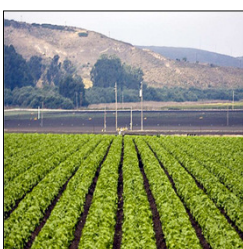


## Agricultural Order R3-2012-0011

- March 15, 2012 – Board adopted updated requirements
- Effective immediately
- Regulates discharges of waste from irrigated lands
- Three tiers based on relative risk to water quality
- Current Enrollment:
  - 397,387 Irrigated Acres
  - 1830 Operations / 4092 Farms

## What is the purpose of the Agricultural Order?

Requires farmers and landowners to implement management practices, and conduct monitoring and reporting, to ensure that farms are not polluting surface water or groundwater.



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## Agricultural Water Quality Concerns

- Irrigation runoff
- Stormwater runoff
- Drainage water that percolates to groundwater
- Operational spills
- Pesticides
- Nutrients
- Salt
- Soil, silt, sediment
- Trash



Old Salinas River, 2007

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## What does the Agricultural Order apply to?

1. Land planted to row, vineyard, field and tree crops where water is applied for producing commercial crops;
2. Specific commercial nurseries, nursery stock production, and greenhouse operations;
3. Land planted to commercial crops that are not yet marketable, such as vineyards and tree crops.



## Tiers and Criteria

*Based on relative risk to water quality and discharge*

### Tier 1 (Lower Risk)

- NO chlorpyrifos or diazinon applied,
- NO impaired surface water or public drinking water well, AND
- If nitrogen loading crop, must be less than 50 acres.
- OR Certified Sustainable-In-Practice (SIP).

### Tier 2

- Chlorpyrifos or diazinon applied,
- Impaired surface water or public drinking water well, OR
- If nitrogen loading crop, between 50 – 500 acres.

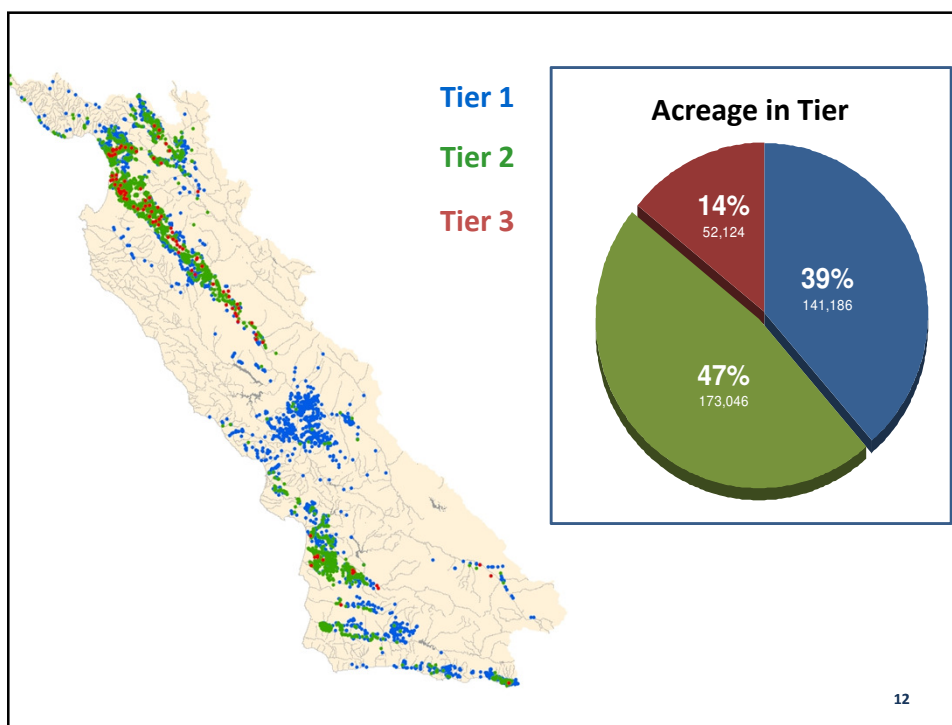
### Tier 3 (Higher Risk)

- Chlorpyrifos or diazinon applied, and discharge to impaired surface water; OR
- If nitrogen loading crop, greater than or equal to 500 acres.

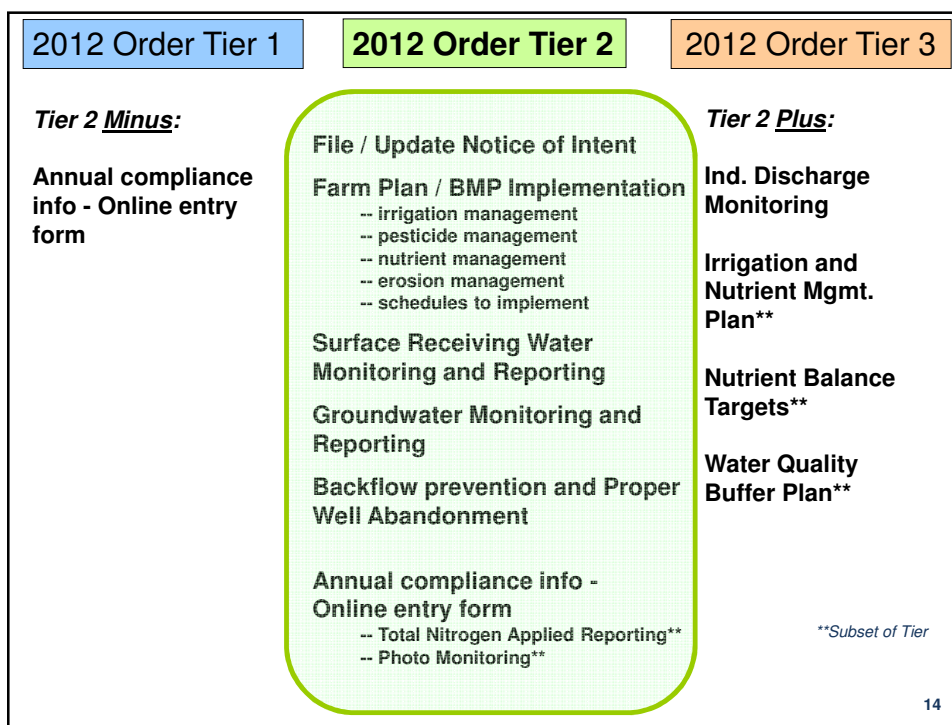
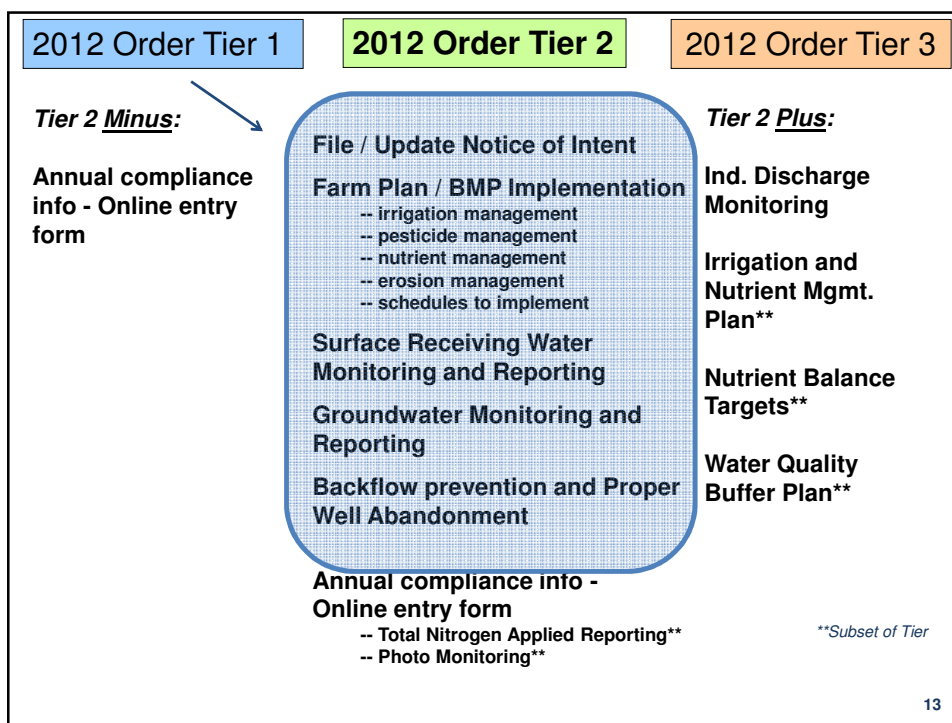
## How do I know my tier?

- Agricultural Order – Tier criteria (p.16)
- Displayed on electronic-Notice of Intent (eNOI)
- Water Board letter (May 17, 2012)
- Grower can request tier review
  - Incorrect tier
  - Request EO approval to move to lower tier
- Contact Water Board staff

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2012 Order Tier 1	2012 Order Tier 2	2012 Order Tier 3
<p><b>Tier 2 <u>Minus</u>:</b></p> <p>Annual compliance info - Online entry form</p>	<p><b>Tier 2 <u>Plus</u>:</b></p> <p>File / Update Notice of Intent</p> <p>Farm Plan / BMP Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- irrigation management</li> <li>-- pesticide management</li> <li>-- nutrient management</li> <li>-- erosion management</li> <li>-- schedules to implement</li> </ul> <p>Surface Receiving Water Monitoring and Reporting</p> <p>Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting</p> <p>Backflow prevention and Proper Well Abandonment</p> <p>Annual compliance info - Online entry form</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Total Nitrogen Applied Reporting**</li> <li>-- Photo Monitoring**</li> </ul>	<p>Ind. Discharge Monitoring</p> <p>Irrigation and Nutrient Mgmt. Plan**</p> <p>Nutrient Balance Targets**</p> <p>Water Quality Buffer Plan**</p> <p><i>**Subset of Tier 2 Plus</i></p>

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## 5-Year Compliance Calendar

Tier 1

Tier 2

Tier 3

CENTRAL COAST WATER BOARD - AGRICULTURAL ORDER									
5-Year Compliance Calendar									
TIER	Agricultural Order R3-2012-0011	Reference	Due Date	Check box when completed	1	2	3	4	5
Tier 1	1. Submit electronic notice of intent of grower has not already done so.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	2. Develop a water conservation plan.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	3. Install a backflow prevention device, if you transport or change.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	4. Implement management practices to treat or control discharges and prevent water quality.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	5. Alternative best management practices to protect water quality.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	6. Provide training about habitat loss to your farm to protect water quality.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	7. Conduct surface receiving water monitoring.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	8. Monitor the trends and submit data that change.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	9. Conduct groundwater monitoring - determine primary irrigation well and any drinking water well located on farm.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	10. Update best management practices if necessary.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
Tier 2	11. Report surface receiving water monitoring.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	12. Report groundwater monitoring.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	13. Submit Annual Compliance Form.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
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	19. Report elements of certified irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan, if farm/farm has a high nitrate loading risk.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	20. Submit Water Quality Buffer Plan, if farm is adjacent to surface water impaired by sediment, temperature, or turbidity.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
Tier 3	21. Submit electronic notice of intent of grower has not already done so.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	22. Develop a water conservation plan.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	23. Install a backflow prevention device, if you transport or change.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
	24. Implement management practices to treat or control discharges and prevent water quality.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						
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	30. Update best management practices if necessary.	Order: p1A P20	1-1-12						

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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

### Enroll

- Submit electronic-Notice of Intent (eNOI)
- Operation info
- Farm/Ranch info
- Acreage, crop type, irrigation type, tailwater, etc.
- eNOI used to determine tier
- Update annually (Oct)
- Contact Water Board staff

The screenshot shows a web-based form for the eNOI process. It includes sections for:
 

- Section IX: Ranch Acreage Information**: Fields for Total Irrigated Acres, Total Tailwater Acres, and Irrigation Discharge Type (A, B, or C).
- Section X: Irrigation System**: Checkboxes for different irrigation types (e.g., Micro-irrigation, Drip, Surface) and crop types (e.g., Field, Orchard, Greenhouse).
- Section XI: Waterbody Information**: Fields for waterbody names and whether the farm is adjacent to or discharges into them.
- Section XII: Pesticide Permit Information**: Fields for pesticide application and permit status.



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Develop or Update your Farm Plan

- **October 1, 2012**
- Identify water quality issues on farm, and for nearby creeks and groundwater.
- Elements:
  - Irrigation, Pesticides, Nutrients, Salinity, Sediment and Erosion control, and Aquatic habitat protection.
- Implement management practices
- Evaluate what's working and **adapt**
- Kept on farm
- New template available ([www.agwaterquality.org](http://www.agwaterquality.org))



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## How do I know the water quality conditions in my local area?

### **Surface Water:**

- Agricultural Order – Table 1, List of Impaired Waterbodies (p.33)
- Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program ([www.ccamp.org](http://www.ccamp.org))

### **Groundwater:**

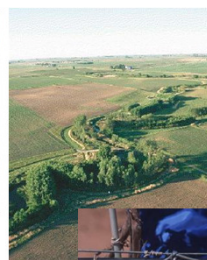
- GeoTracker  
<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/gama/>

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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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- Minimize bare dirt
- Prevent erosion
- Protect aquatic habitat
- Manage containment structures
- Proper handling and storage of chemicals
- Control trash



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Install Backflow Prevention

- **October 1, 2012**
- If you fertigate or chemigate
- Must maintain
- Comply with DPR, County requirements
- List of Resources



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Proper Well Abandonment

- **October 1, 2015**
- Comply with Department of Water Resources Well Standards (Sec. 20-23)
- To ensure groundwater supply is protected and preserved for further use
- Abandoned = permanently inactive; not used for at least one year; no intention to use the well again
- Local funding may be available
- List of Resources



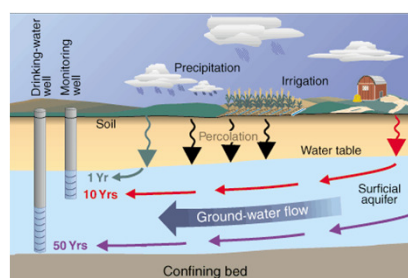
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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Conduct Groundwater Monitoring

- **Sept/Oct 2012**
- **March/April 2013**
- Primary irrigation well on farm
- Drinking water well on farm
- Nitrate, General Minerals, Field parameters
- Depth to groundwater
- Use GeoTracker lab
- Guide and List of Resources



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

Continued...

### Conduct Groundwater Monitoring

- Sampling by qualified third-party
- Proper sampling methods
- Quality Assurance/Quality Control protocols
- Chain of Custody
- Guide and List of Resources



**Note:**  
**Additional for Tier 3 Only -**  
 Sample groundwater  
 once annually  
 2014-2016



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Groundwater Monitoring Alternatives

- Existing nitrate data, less than 5-years old.
- Existing local groundwater study
- Cooperative monitoring

### Groundwater Reporting

- **October 1, 2013**
- Lab uploads results to GeoTracker using eNOI information.
- Guide and List of Resources



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Conduct Surface Receiving Water Monitoring and Reporting

- **Sept 15, 2012**
- Water in creeks, rivers
- Can comply as individual or cooperatively
- **Cooperative Monitoring Program** (implemented by Preservation, Inc).
- Includes metals, nutrients, pesticides, toxicity, and benthic invertebrates
- Flow
- Dry and wet season
- Sampling and Analysis Plan
- Report data electronically to Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP)



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Surface Receiving Water Monitoring

#### Cooperative Monitoring Program

- Already in place and approved
- Cost-effective
- Reduced State fee
- Choose option on eNOI
- Contact Preservation Inc. ([www.ccwqp.org](http://www.ccwqp.org))



#### Individual

- Develop Sampling and Analysis Plan
- Must be approved
- Increased State fee
- Choose option on eNOI



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## Requirements – ALL Tiers

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### Annual State Fees

#### Cooperative Monitoring Program participant:

- Reduced State fee
- \$0.56 per acre of land (plus \$100 per group)



#### Individual:

Acres	State Fee (Ind)	Min	Max
0-10	\$300 + \$10/Acre	\$300	\$400
11-100	\$750 + \$5/Acre	\$805	\$1250
101 - 500	\$2000 + \$2.50/Acre	\$2253	\$3250
501+	\$4000 + \$2/Acre	\$5002	\$6500



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## 5-Year Compliance Calendar

Tier 1

Tier 2

Tier 3

TIER	Requirement	Reference	Due Date	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
✓	1. Enroll - Submit electronic Notice of Intent (if grower has not already done so).	Order, p24 #55	15-May					
✓	2. Develop/Update Farm Plan.	Order, p21 #44	1-Oct					
✓	3. Install Runoff Prevention devices, if you fertilize or chemigate.	Order, p29 #35	1-Oct					
✓	4. Implement management practices to treat or control discharges and protect water quality.	Order, p4 #10 Order, p11 #12 Order, p20 #36	Ongoing					
✓	4. Minimize bare dirt and prevent erosion to protect water quality.	Order, p20 #37	Ongoing					
✓	6. Protect existing aquatic habitat next to your farm to protect water quality.	Order, p20 #39	Ongoing					
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✓	8. Conduct groundwater monitoring - Monitor primary irrigation well and any drinking water well located on farm. <sup>2</sup>	Order, p23 #53 MRP, p8 Part 2A	Sept/Oct, Mar/Apr					
✓	9. Update electronic Notice of Intent (if necessary).	Order, p24 #55	1-Oct					
✓	10. Report surface receiving water monitoring (Growers can comply individually or by participating in the Cooperative Monitoring Program). <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 #52 MRP, p2 Part 1B	Various					
✓	11. Report groundwater monitoring. <sup>2</sup>	Order, p23 #53 MRP, p10 Part 2B	1-Oct					
✓	12. Submit Annual Compliance Form.	Order, p27 #67 MRP, p12 Part 3A	1-Oct					
✓	13. Calculate risk of loading nitrate to groundwater.	Order, p28 #68 MRP, p10 Part 2C	1-Oct					
✓	14. Conduct photo-monitoring to document the existing condition of adjacent surface water, if impaired by sediment, turbidity or temperature.	Order, p28 #69 MRP, p14 Part 4A	1-Oct					
✓	15. Record and report total nitrogen applied, if the farm/ranch has a high nitrate loading risk. <sup>3</sup>	Order, p28 #70 MRP, p11 #5	1-Oct					
✓	16. Conduct individual discharge monitoring.	Order, p29 #72 MRP, p14 Part 5A	1-Oct					
✓	17. Report individual discharge monitoring.	Order, p29 #73 MRP, p15 Part 5B	15-Mar					
✓	18. Report elements of certified Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan, if farm/ranch has a high nitrate loading risk. <sup>3</sup>	Order, p29 #77 MRP, p19 Part 6B	1-Oct					
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## 5-Year Compliance Calendar

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Tier 2

Tier 3

TIER	Requirement	Reference	Due Date	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
✓	1. Enroll - Submit electronic Notice of Intent (if grower has not already done so).	Order, p25 #55	15-May					
✓	2. Develop/Update Farm Plan.	Order, p21 #44	1-Oct					
✓	3. Install backflow prevention devices, if you fertigate or chemigate.	Order, p19 #31	1-Oct					
✓	4. Implement management practices to treat or control discharges and protect water quality.	Order, p4 #10 Order, p15 #12 Order, p20 #36	Ongoing					
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✓	7. Conduct surface receiving water monitoring - Monitor the creeks and estuaries that may receive farm runoff. <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 #52 MRP, p2 Part 1A	15-Sep					
✓	8. Conduct groundwater monitoring - Monitor primary irrigation well and any drinking water well located on farm. <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 #51 MRP, p8 Part 2A	Sept/Oct Mar/Apr			Tier 3 Only	Tier 3 Only	Tier 3 Only
✓	9. Update electronic Notice of Intent (if necessary).	Order, p8 #27 Order, p24 #55	1-Oct					
✓	10. Report surface receiving water monitoring (Growers can comply individually or by participating in the Cooperative Monitoring Program). <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 #52 MRP, p2 Part 1B	Various					
✓	11. Report groundwater monitoring. <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 #51 MRP, p10 Part 2B	1-Oct			Tier 3	Tier 3	Tier 3
✓	12. Submit Annual Compliance Form.	MRP, p12 Part 3A Order, p28 #68 MRP, p10 Part 2C	1-Oct					
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## Additional Requirements Tier 2 and Tier 3

### Annual Compliance Form

- October 1, 2012 (annually)
- Information about discharge and threat to water quality
- Evaluation of nitrate loading risk (2 alternatives)
  - Water Board nitrate loading risk factors
  - UC Nitrate Hazard Index
- Identification of practices implemented
- Methods to evaluate if practices are working
- Progress towards water quality improvement

## Additional Requirements Tier 2 and Tier 3

### Annual Compliance Form (continued)

#### ***If farm/ranch has high nitrate loading risk:***

- October 1, 2014, report total nitrogen applied per acre
  - Farm/Ranch or Nitrate Loading Risk Unit
- Alternative: groundwater discharge monitoring
- Guide and List of Resources



## Additional Requirements Tier 2 and Tier 3

### Annual Compliance Form (continued)

#### ***If farm/ranch contains or is adjacent to surface water impaired for temperature, turbidity or sediment:***

- October 1, 2012, submit photo monitoring to document condition of stream, riparian, wetland area, bare soil, practices implemented.
- Agricultural Order – Table 1, List of Impaired Waterbodies (p.33)
- Guide and List of Resources



5-Year Compliance Calendar

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1	11. Report groundwater monitoring. <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 #51 MMP, p10 Part 2B	1-Oct					
1	12. Submit Annual Compliance Form.	Order, p27 #57 MMP, p12 Part 3A	1-Oct					
1	13. Calculate risk of loading nitrate to groundwater.	Order, p28 #68 MMP, p10 Part 2C	1-Oct					
1	14. Conduct photo-monitoring to document the existing condition of adjacent surface water, if impaired by sediment, turbidity or temperature.	Order, p28 #69 MMP, p14 Part 4A	1-Oct					
1	15. Record and report total nitrogen applied, if the farm/ranch has a high nitrate loading risk. <sup>2</sup>	Order, p28 #70 MMP, p11 #5	1-Oct					
1	16. Conduct individual discharge monitoring.	Order, p29 #72 MMP, p14 Part 5A	1-Oct					
1	17. Report individual discharge monitoring.	Order, p29 #73 MMP, p15 Part 5B	15-Mar					
1	18. Report elements of certified irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan, if farm/ranch has a high nitrate loading risk. <sup>2</sup>	Order, p29 #77 MMP, p19 Part 6B	1-Oct					
1	19. Submit Water Quality Buffer Plan, if farm is adjacent to surface water impaired by sediment, temperature, or turbidity. <sup>2</sup>	Order, p30 #80 MMP, p20 Part 7A	1-Oct					

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## Additional Requirements Tier 3 ONLY

### Individual Discharge Monitoring and Reporting

- October 1, 2013
- Tailwater, tiledrain, surface containment and stormwater discharges
- Flow/Volume, field parameters
- Nutrients
- Pesticides and toxicity
- 2x – 4x per year during dry season, based on acreage
- 1x – 2x per year during wet season, based on acreage
- Sampling and Analysis Plan
- Report results in 2014

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## Additional Requirements Tier 3 ONLY

### Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan

***Only if farm/ranch has high nitrate loading risk***

- Certified Crop Advisor
- October 1, 2015, report elements in Annual Compliance Form
- Report progress toward Nitrogen Balance Ratio targets (total nitrogen applied : crop need)
- October 1, 2016, report on effectiveness of plan
- Alternative – groundwater discharge monitoring
- Guide and List of Resources

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## Additional Requirements Tier 3 ONLY

### Water Quality Buffer Plan

***Only if farm/ranch contains or is adjacent to surface water impaired for temperature, turbidity or sediment.***

- October 1, 2016
- Purpose is to protect adjacent surface water from discharge.
- Begin implementation of plan immediately
- Alternative – demonstrate discharge is sufficiently controlled or treated.

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## Additional Requirements Tier 3 ONLY

### Time Schedules

Effectively control *discharges*:

- October 1, 2014 – pesticides and toxicity
- October 1, 2015 – sediment and turbidity
- October 1, 2016 – nutrients
- October 1, 2016 - nitrate discharge to groundwater
- NOT a requirement to meet water quality standards in receiving water.
- Evaluate compliance by measuring progress compared to milestones and other factors.

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## 5-Year Compliance Calendar

Tier 1

Tier 2

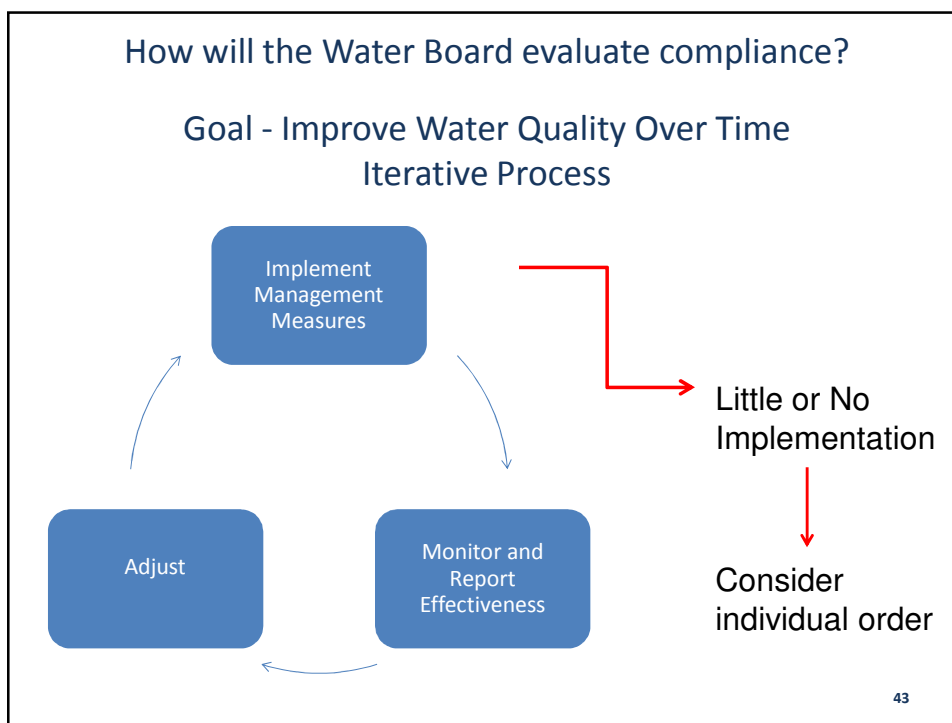
Tier 3

TIER	Agricultural Order R3-2012-0011	Reference	Due Date	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1	1. Enroll - Submit electronic Notice of Intent (if grower has not already done so).	Order, p24 R55	15-May					
1	2. Develop/Update Farm Plan.	Order, p21 R44	1-Oct					
1	3. Install Backflow Prevention devices, if you fertigate or chemigate.	Order, p19 R31	1-Oct					
1	4. Implement management practices to treat or control discharges and protect water quality.	Order, p4 R10	Ongoing					
1	5. Minimize bare dirt and prevent erosion to protect water quality.	Order, p15 R12	Ongoing					
1	6. Protect existing aquatic habitat next to your farm to protect water quality.	Order, p20 R37	Ongoing					
1	7. Conduct surface receiving water monitoring - Monitor the creeks and estuaries that may receive farm runoff. <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 R52 MRP, p2 Part 1A	15-Sep					
1	8. Conduct groundwater monitoring - Monitor primary irrigation well and any drinking water well located on farm. <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 R51 MRP, p6 Part 3A	Sept/Oct Mar/Apr					
1	9. Update electronic Notice of Intent (if necessary).	Order, p8 R27 Order, p24 R55	1-Oct					
1	10. Report surface receiving water monitoring (Growers can comply individually or by participating in the Cooperative Monitoring Program). <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 R52 MRP, p2 Part 1B	Various					
1	11. Report groundwater monitoring. <sup>1</sup>	Order, p23 R51 MRP, p10 Part 2B	1-Oct					
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## Cooperative Water Quality Improvement Efforts

- Cooperative group efforts
- Subwatershed, watershed, local scale
- Examples: treatment wetland, managed aquifer recharge, bioreactors
- Alternative monitoring and time schedules allowable
- Proposals evaluated by Technical Advisory Committee
- Approved by Executive Officer



## Summary

- Agricultural Order R3-2012-0011
- Goal is to protect water quality
- Order includes tiers based on risk to water quality
- Order requires management practices based on farm and nearby creeks and groundwater
- Monitoring and reporting increases with tier
- Alternatives available
- Iterative, adaptive approach
- Grower assistance



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